UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT	
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YOR	K

X MAJOR, LINDSEY & AFRICA, LLC,

> **DECLARATION OF ROBERT J.** Plaintiff, **ANELLO IN FURTHER SUPPORT**

OF SHARON MAHN'S MOTION TO

- against -**DISMISS AND/OR STAY**

PLAINTIFF'S CLAIMS AND IN SHARON MAHN, CARLO PECORARI, **OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFF'S** PARKER LELAND, INC., JOSHUA KAGAN, **CROSS-MOTION FOR EXPEDITED**

and KAGAN CONSULTANTS INC., **DISCOVERY**

Defendants.

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ROBERT J. ANELLO, declares and affirms under penalties of perjury, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, that:

I am an attorney admitted to practice before the courts of the State of New York, the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York and the Second Circuit Court of Appeals, and a principal of the law firm of Morvillo, Abramowitz, Grand, Iason, Anello & Bohrer, P.C. (õMAGIABö), attorneys for defendant Sharon Mahn in this matter. I submit this declaration, together with the accompanying Memorandum of Law, in further support of Sharon Mahnøs Motion to Dismiss and/or Stay Plaintiff Claims and in opposition to plaintiff Cross-Motion for Expedited Discovery, and to set forth evidence that the Court may consider in ruling on both motions.

- I. Ms. Mahn Voluntarily Produced 15,000 Pages of E-mail Many Months Ago
- 2. On information and belief, plaintiff, Major, Lindsey & Africa, LLC (õMLAö), terminated Ms. Mahnøs employment on or about November 18, 2009. That same day, plaintifføs counsel sent to Ms. Mahn a õcease and desistö letter. A true and correct copy of that letter is attached hereto as Exhibit A. Shortly thereafter, Ms. Mahn retained James Batson, of the firm Liddle & Robinson, LLP as counsel.
- 3. On information and belief, on November 20, 2009, Ms. Mahn and plaintiff entered into an agreement under which Ms. Mahn permitted plaintiff for forensic expert to take images of the hard drive of Ms. Mahnøs personal computer and Ms. Mahn agreed to provide personal emails to MLA. By November 24, 2009, Mr. Batson had already produced approximately 1100 pages of e-mails from Ms. Mahnøs personal e-mail account to plaintiff counsel. A true and correct copy of a letter, sent by Mr. Batson to plaintiff counsel. counsel and dated November 24, 2009, enclosing a production of e-mails bearing control numbers SM00001-SM01182 is attached hereto as Exhibit B. By December 21, 2009, Mr. Batson had produced nearly 5,000 pages of e-mails in total from Ms. Mahnøs personal e-mail account to plaintiff counsel. A true and correct copy of a letter, sent by Mr. Batson to plaintiff counsel and dated December 21, 2009, enclosing a production of e-mails bearing control numbers SM04363-SM04781 is attached hereto as Exhibit C. By January 20, 2010, plaintiff counsel had received nearly 10,000 pages of e-mails in total from Ms. Mahnos personal e-mail account. A true and correct copy of a letter, sent by Mr. Batson to plaintiff counsel and dated January 20, 2010, enclosing a production of emails bearing control numbers SM07821-SM09670 is attached hereto as Exhibit D. By February 16, 2010, plaintiff counsel was in possession of almost 15,000 pages of e-

mails from Ms. Mahnøs personal e-mail account, nearly the entire volume of e-mails produced. A true and correct copy of a letter, sent by Mr. Batson to plaintifføs counsel and dated February 16, 2010, enclosing a production of e-mails bearing control numbers SM13243-SM14728 is attached hereto as Exhibit E.

II. Ms. Mahn Retains MAGIAB After Plaintiff Files its Complaint

- 4. Plaintiff filed its complaint under seal on May 26, 2010.
- 5. On or around June 10, 2010, Ms. Mahn retained MAGIAB to represent her in this matter.

III. At Ms. Mahnøs Initiation, Ms. Mahn and MLA Briefly Discuss Settlement

- 6. Around June 15, 2010, I first spoke with counsel for MLA about exploring the possibility of arbitrating MLA claims for monetary relief against all of the defendants. Because plaintiff has put at issue these purported settlement discussions to negate Ms. Mahn contention of its undue delay in seeking injunctive relief, I describe those discussions to rebut plaintiff contention.
- 7. We scheduled a meeting for June 22, 2010, which was postponed until June 29, 2010 because of a scheduling conflict.
- 8. During the June 29 meeting, I proposed, on behalf of all defendants, that if MLA agreed to arbitrate its claims against all defendants, the defendants would consent to entry of a preliminary injunction, on the terms laid out in plaintiff@s complaint.
- 9. During this meeting there was no discussion of any substantive resolution of MLA¢s claims against Ms. Mahn. Although I asked for a demand from plaintiff¢s counsel, plaintiff¢s counsel refused to make one and the meeting terminated abruptly.

- 10. Two days later, on July 1, 2010, on behalf of all defendants, I sent a letter to plaintiff¢s counsel setting forth defendants¢ proposal offering to enter into an injunction in exchange for arbitration of all claims. A true and correct copy of that letter is attached as Exhibit F.
- 11. Five days later, on July 6, 2010, plaintiff¢s counsel sent a letter to myself and counsel for the other defendants stating that plaintiff would agree to arbitrate its claim for monetary relief against all defendants, in exchange for a preliminary injunction and its attorneys¢ fees incurred in this litigation. Attached as Exhibit G is a true and correct copy of that letter.
- 12. Two days later, my colleague, Judith Mogul called plaintifføs counsel to ask him to specify how much in fees plaintiff was seeking, so that defendants could respond to plaintifføs proposal.
 - 13. Plaintiff counsel never returned Ms. Mogul phone call.
- 14. That same day, Ms. Mogul sent an e-mail to plaintiff counsel, reiterating her request for information about the fees plaintiff sought. Attached as Exhibit H is a true and correct copy of that e-mail.
 - 15. Ms. Mogul never received a response to that e-mail.
- 16. Instead, on July 12, plaintifføs counsel sent an e-mail to myself and counsel for Ms. Mahnøs co-defendants stating that plaintiff had decided to õrescindö the counter-proposal set forth in the July 6 letter. Attached as Exhibit I is a true and correct copy of that e-mail.

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17. Plaintiffs never engaged in any good faith discussions concerning

settlement of this matter. As evidence of such, they refused to consent to any extension

whatsoever of Ms. Mahnøs time to answer or move against the complaint

18. Besides these altogether one-sided settlement discussions, which consisted

of a single meeting and an email exchange over the course of a ten-day period, and which

began months after Ms. Mahnøs production of documents, I am not aware of any other

discussions that could be characterized as õsettlement discussionsö between Ms. Mahn

and any lawyer acting on her behalf in this matter.

Dated: New York, New York August 9, 2010

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